

something that we need to do in the state right now. I think that, by not doing this, we would be putting at risk our whole real estate tax system, and I think that is something that we should not do. I think that we should proceed with this constitutional amendment. It will have two more rounds of debate which I think is good. I think it should have the full three rounds, that we go through the whole process, and not do this at one time. I think that, you know, I am convinced anyway that this is not something that is going to hurt anything if we do it. It is not going to do...it doesn't change things that much, but if we don't do it, we are taking an extreme risk, because if we would have our property tax system, our real estate tax system declared unconstitutional, at that point we would have about a \$1.2 billion deficit to deal with going into next session, if we had to make those kind of refunds. Plus then we would have to come up with some way of devising a method to finance local government at that point, so we would have some tremendous problems on our hands should...on our hands should we not proceed with this constitutional amendment. I think it is going to take a very good educational process, also. You know, the people of the State of Nebraska aren't necessarily going to just automatically vote for this. I think it is going to be incumbent upon us, and incumbent upon many of the groups in the state who support this concept to go out and educate the people as to what we are trying to do, what we are trying to accomplish with this, and convince them that it is something that is necessary to do in this state. So I think we have got a lot of work ahead of us, but I think that we need to take the first step now and advance LR 186. I would just urge the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: You have heard the closing. We will now proceed to vote on LR 186. All in favor vote aye, all opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please vote if you care to vote. Record, Mr. Clerk. Been asked for a record vote.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 2619-20 of the Legislative Journal.) 39 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the advancement of LR 186.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: LR 186 is advanced. Any messages?

CLERK: Mr. President, a new resolution by Senator Abboud, that will be laid over. (See LR 199 on page 2620 of the Legislative Journal.)